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Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	HPTs	LPTs	VLPTs	Trans-posers
18	Orissa	1	27	2	—
19	Punjab	1	—	—	—
20	Rajasthan	7	21	10	—
21	Sikkim	1	—	3	—
22	Tamil Ndau	3	11	4	—
23	Tripura	—	1	1	—
24	Uttar Pradesh	5	19	10	—
25	West Bengal	3	4	—	1
26	A & N Islands	—	—	4	—
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	1	—	—
28	Pondicherry	1	1	—	—

HPT : High Power Transmitter; LPT : Low Power Transmitter; VLPT: Very Low Power Transmitter.

New Policy on Tele-Transmission

1510. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Wfll the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new policy on the transmission particularly for Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to extend the benefits of relay transmissions of the Metro Channels to these States particularly in the tribal and backward areas;

(d) if so, the steps/measures taken to provide the Doordarshan transmission in the entire country; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (e) No, Sir. However, terrestrial transmitters for relay of Metro Channel programmes are, at present, functioning at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Lucknow. Besides, similar facilities are being envisaged *to* be set up at Trivan-drum, Jaipur, Cuttack, Bhopal, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Patna.

There is no proposal, at present, to set up terrestrial transmitter for relay of Metro Channel progammes in any other part of the country.

With a view to further strengthen TV services in the country, a number of TV transmitters are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in various States/Union Territories including the Stales of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa.

More Time for Regional Language Pro. grammes

1511. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new channels that have been introduced by Doordarshan;

(b) the total time allotted for programmes in Hindi in all the channels;

(c) the total time allotted for different Indian Languages in all the T.V. Channels; and

(d) what are the proposals to allot more time in all the channels for the regional language programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SlNGH DEO): (a) Five:

(b) The five channels have been earmarked for programmes of :

(i) Entertainment
(ii) Sports
(iii) Busisess News & Current Affairs |
(iv) Music, and
(v) Enrichment

No specific time has been allotted for programme to be telecast in Hindi.

(c) In the satellite Regional language service, programme in ten (10) Regional languages are telecast for a duration of 2 hrs 30 minutes each from Monday to Friday.

(d) The Ministry is undertaking a *comp*-lete review of the satellite channels includ-ing interim arrangements.

Liberasation of the Newsprint Import Policy

1512. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether INS requested the Central Government to further liberalise the news-pfi'itt"import policy and to put an end to the undesirable protection given to indigenous manufacturers who were exploit-ing the sellers market by supplying interior quality newsprint at higher prices:

(b) if so, whether Government have examine the suggestions made by the INS chief in this regard and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE *OF* THE MINISTRY OF INFARMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SiNOM DEO): (a) to (c) The Indian Newspaper Society (INS) has been demanding liberali-sation of Newsprint ImportPolicy. Con-sistent with the government's policy of liberalisation, the import of newsprint has already been decanalised with effect from 1-4-1992. To increase the availability of indigenous newsprint, 17 newsprint mills have now been included in Schedule I of the Newsprint Control Order. Newspapers can now lift newsprint from any of those mills which offers most competitive rates. The mills are free to fix the prices over which the government have no statutory control.

पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (पी०आई०बी०) के कार्यालयों में उर्दू भाषा से संबंधित पदों का रिक्त होना

1513. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पत्र सूचना कार्यालय (पी०आई० बी०) के केन्द्रीय कार्यालय तथा देश के विभिन्न नगरों में स्थित इसके अन्य कार्यालयों में उर्दू भाषा के कितने पद रिक्त हैं; और

(ख) इन रिक्त पदों को भरने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) ग्यारह ।

(ख) रिक्तियों को भरने के लिए कार्रवाई पहले से ही शुरू की गई है ।

Urdu Newspapers/Periodicals Receiving Advertisements from DAVP

1514. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL Alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

fa) what is the number of Urdu News papers/Periodicals which have bees renewed for purposes of advertisements by D.A.V.P. during the year 1992-93 together with the number of newspapers accepted purpose during the said period;